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upward, said small-diameter contact hole being completely filled with a plug of a refractory conductive material, and said large-diameter contact hole being partly filled by said refractory conductive material which covers a sidewall surface of said large-diameter contact hole [to below the upper end of said large-diameter contact hole] excluding said funnel-shaped portion, until a position which is lower than a lower end of said funnel-shaped portion by a predetermined distance, [said refractory conductive material being simultaneously deposited in said small-diameter contact hole and said large-diameter contact hole,] a wiring conductor layer being deposited on said insulator film to cover a top surface of said plug of said refractory conductive material[,] and to fill at least in part space remaining in said large-diameter contact hole thereby to cover a bottom of said large-diameter contact hole and a surface of said sidewall of said refractory conductive material within said large-diameter contact hole, and to cover a surface of said funnel-shaped portion of said large-diameter contact hole.

Claims 3, 4 and 6, line 1, change "claim 2" to --claim 1--.

#### REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 2, which has been cancelled. Other limitations also have been added, as discussed below to better distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art applied in the Final Action in the parent application.

In the above claimed construction of claim 1, since the large-diameter contact hole has a funnel-shaped portion formed on an upper portion thereof to open or spread